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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU SPEAKS OF " U. S. SPYING" ON CANADA.

1. PRESS REPORTS TRUDEAU IN TELEVISION INTERVIEW MAY 5 REPLYING TO QUESTIONS ON WATERGATE AS SAYING THAT U. S. IS " SPYING" ON CANADA BUT THAT ILLEGAL TACTICS ARE NOT INVOLVED. " I AM SURE THE AMERICANS HAVE A LOT OF POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE ON CANADA." HE SAID THIS HAS NO SINISTER OVERTONES IF IT MEANS GATHERING INFORMATION THROUGH LEGAL MEANS. TRUDEAU REFUSED TO COMMENT DIRECTLY ON WATERGATE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION IN COMMONS OVER " CHARGE HE MAKE THAT AMERICANS ARE SPYING ON CANADIANS," TRUDEAU REPLIED " I NEVER MADE SUCH A CHARGE... I DID TELL A QUESTIONER ON TELEVISION THAT MOST PEOPLE IN BUSINESS, IN GOVERNMENT, IN POLITICS OR IN INDUSTRY WERE TRYING TO OBTAIN INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING THEIR COMPETITORS AND THAT THE ONLY IMPORTANT QUESTION WAS WHETHER THIS INTELLIGENCE WAS OBTAINED IN LEGAL OR ILLEGAL WAYS."

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY NOTIFIED EXTAFF DIRECTOR GENERAL WH AFFAIRS GOLDSCHLAG OF ITS OBJECTION TO TRUDEAU' S ALLEGATION OF SPYING AND REQUESTED EXPLANATION. GOLD-
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SCHLAG PROMISED CHECK WITH TRUDEAU' S OFFICE AND REPLY.
JUST BEFORE PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE, HE CALLED TO SAY
TRUDEAU HAD MEANT ACTIVITIES OF ONLY NORMAL AND OVERT
KIND AND WAS NOT REFERRING TO ESPIONAGE.

4. EXTAFF PREPARED CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE

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